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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE LABOR VOLSPKR BEN SHARMAN

REF:TOKYO 12697

1. SHARMAN IS PREPARED TO SPEND THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 12-19 AND HAS AGREED TO COVER SUBJECTS MENTIONED REFTEL. HE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO BEING PROGRAMMED OUTSIDE OF TOKYO.

2. SHARMAN IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS AND AEROSPACE WORKERS (IAM), AND HAS BEEN WITH THAT ORGANIZATION FOR 24 YEARS. HE STARTED HIS UNION CAREER AS A LOCAL UNION OFFICIAL IN JAMESTOWN, NEW YORK AND WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS, CULMINATING IN ASSIGNMENT IN 1973 TO HIS PRESENT POSITION. SHARMAN HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE UNION AFFAIRS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. HE REPRESENTS HIS UNION IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF BOTH THE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF) AND THE INTERNATIONAL METAL WORKERS FEDERATION (IMF). HE SERVES AS A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE LATTER. SHARMAN WAS BORN IN ENGLAND; IS 49 YEARS OF AGE; MARRIED; AND THE FATHER OF TWO CHILDREN. KISSINGER

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